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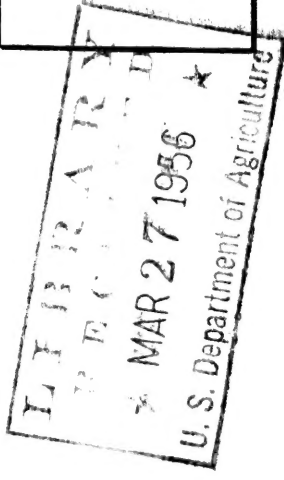
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NEW HOPE, PENNSYLVANIA

Best Bulbs for 1956

Summer - Autumn Gardens

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Grow Autumn-Flowering Bulbs

For Perennial Beauty

Four hardy and invaluable members of the bulb kingdom yield colorful blooms from September through the last days of fall. They are **Autumn Crocuses**, **Colchicums**, **Sternbergias** and **Hardy Cyclamens**. Plant them as you would early spring bulbs in permanent colonies or drifts in the sunny rock garden, in the informal border, or along a slope, and let them naturalize. They not only come back, but increase vigorously from year to year. Shipped and planted in August they flower during the succeeding months. They like plenty of late fall and early spring sunshine.

Autumn Crocuses:	Per 10	Per 100
Asturisticus. Dark violet.....	\$.80	\$ 7.00
Sativus. Pure lavender.....	.80	7.00
Speciosus. Deep blue.....	.60	5.00
Speciosus Albus. Pure white.....	.80	7.00
Zonatus. Lilac60	5.00
Mixed Autumn Crocuses		5.00

Colchicums:

Autumnale. Rosy-lilac	2.50	22.00
Autumnale Album. Pure white.....	2.50	22.00
The Giant. Huge flowers of warm lilac.....	4.00	35.00
Violet Queen. Huge deep violet.....	4.00	35.00

Sternbergia:

Lutea. Golden yellow.....	4.00	35.00
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Cyclamen:

Neapolitanum. The wild cyclamen.....	7.00	65.00
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Dahlias

Your summer garden is not complete without dahlias for garden decoration and for cutting. The following well tested varieties of large decorative dahlias are offered in extra-large divisions.

Large Decorative Dahlias:	Per 3	Per 10
Gallant Fox. Deep claret red.....	\$1.75	\$5.00
Golden Treasure. Large sunflower yellow....	1.75	5.00
Jersey Beauty. Soft lilac-rose.....	1.75	5.00
Kentucky. Salmon-pink	1.75	5.00
White Giant. Large pure white.....	1.75	5.00

Exhibition Collection.

Our choice from above list.....	1.50	4.50
Miniature Dahlias. Red, pink, white, yellow or mixed	1.50	4.50

TERMS OF SALE

All items in this folder are offered subject to prior sale, and are sold F.O.B. New Hope, Pennsylvania. All orders are accepted subject to safe arrival of the goods in our packing rooms. Remittance with the order will simplify bookkeeping and will aid us in serving you to advantage. On all orders amounting to less than \$5.00 prepayment is requested. On all orders accompanied by remittance, regardless of amount, free delivery is made to all points east of the Mississippi.

Name and color description are on each label; also planting directions as to depth and distance apart. Five of a variety are sold at the ten rate, twenty-five or more at the hundred rate.

Bulbs for Months

Gladioli

Gladioli have long held a well-deserved place as the staple of the summer garden. For gardeners know that if they grew no other summer flower except successive plantings of gladioli they would still have a long season of colorful bloom. The wide color range of gladioli includes shades of nearly every color in the spectrum. They may be planted among perennials and annuals or in beds by themselves; and they should be grown in profusion so as to assure a constant supply of blooms.

	Per 10	Per 100
Abu Hassan. A strikingly beautiful variety of deep, indigo-blue.....	\$1.20	\$10.00
Acca Laurentia. Huge florets of soft orange-rose are borne on a tall, sturdy stem.....	.90	8.00
Bagdad. "Smoky" variety. Tall, full flowered spike of old rose.....	1.00	9.00
Ethel Cave Cole. Pure light pink of clear tone. Very free-flowering and strong growing.....	1.00	9.00
Elizabeth the Queen. A lovely rosy-lavender with huge ruffled florets.....	.90	8.00
General Eisenhower. Tall spikes are thickly covered with large deep rose florets.....	1.00	9.00
Gold Dust. Robust spike of clear, soft yellow.....	.90	8.00
Hopman's Glory. A clear sunflower yellow.....	.90	8.00
Leeuwenhorst. Tall, strong spike with large florets of rose, shaded salmon.....	.90	8.00
Mansoor. Huge, tall flowers of shiny deep red.....	.90	8.00
Maria Goretti. Large florets of pure white.....	.90	8.00
Miss Wisconsin. An exhibition flower of clear warm rose. Large florets.....	1.20	10.00
Picardy. Immense, well-shaped florets of clear, shrimp-pink.....	.90	8.00
Ravel. Tall, upright spike with many well-spaced florets of clear violet-blue.....	.90	8.00

Cannas

Plant cannas wherever bold, imposing plants and flowers are wanted to give strength and power to a background. Their massive foliage and large blossoms in rear areas of a garden bed provide dignity and substance. Cannas like sun and good rich soil. They are lifted for winter storing in October. The following group is a selection of best varieties. Approximate height is given.

Eureka. 4 feet. Pure green foliage. Large creamy white blossoms.

Hungaria. 4 feet. Leaves bluish green. Large petaled flowers of clear pink.

King Humbert. 4 feet. Foliage a rich bronze. Brilliant scarlet flowers of great substance provide fine contrast.

Richard Wallace. 4 feet. Dark green leaves. Large flowers of pure deep yellow.

The President. 4 feet. Clear green foliage. Flowers a striking scarlet.

Northern grown, 2 to 5 eye divisions, any variety by name.

\$.75 per 3—\$2.00 per 10—\$18.00 per 100

Cannas in Collection. Same quality divisions. Named varieties, our selection.

\$1.75 per 10—\$4.00 per 25—\$15 per 100

of Summer Bloom

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The following selected list includes the better recent introductions as well as the best of the older varieties. All bulbs are top-sized and high-crowned. Shipment is made in April and early May, and bulbs planted then are least troubled by thrips. However, bi-weekly plantings for successive blooms may be made up to July 1. All shipments are accompanied by cultural directions.

	Per 10	Per 100
Red Charm. A vivid shade of bright red, but not scarlet. Vigorous grower.....	1.00	9.00
Salmon's Glory. Huge, ruffled florets, gleaming white with deep red blotch in center	1.00	9.00
Snow Princess. Beautifully ruffled florets of pure white are borne on tall, graceful stem	.90	8.00
Spic and Span. A show beauty of great substance. Huge, ruffled florets of deep pink are copiously produced on long spikes.....	1.30	11.00
Spotlight. Large, deep yellow with small scarlet markings in center.....	1.20	10.00

EXHIBITION COLLECTION. A named variety collection of exhibition kinds in complete color range. Each variety packed and named separately. Our selection. All No. 1 bulbs.

\$8.00 per 100—\$19.00 per 250—\$75.00 per 1,000

MIXED GLADIOLI. Same quality bulbs, but varieties packed mixed in one bag. Our selection.

\$7.00 per 100—\$16.50 per 250—\$65.00 per 1,000

Hymenocallis (Ismene)

Peruvian Daffodil

The large white, amaryllis-shaped blossoms of hymenocallis, or Peruvian Daffodil, are carried on strong stems from two to three feet tall. They are deliciously fragrant. The foliage consists of long, broad spears of rich green. For successive bloom the bulbs may be planted at two-week intervals from late April to mid-June. They are lifted in October for winter storage in a dry place of medium temperature. They grow vigorously and increase from year to year.

	Per 10	Per 100
Calathina.	\$1.75 per 3	\$5.00 \$45.00

Tuberoses

The waxy white flowers of tuberoses impart nostalgic fragrance to the late summer garden. Their long stems make them especially fine for cutting too. Tuberoses like a sunny location and good soil.

	Per 10	Per 100
Double Pearl. Top sized bulbs.....	\$1.80	\$16.00

Montbretias

The charming spikes of montbretias resemble gladioli in form and habit, but the montbretia spears are shorter and narrower and arch more gracefully. Unlike most spring-planting bulbs, montbretias need not be lifted each fall. They will winter over with a light mulch and will readily naturalize with a little protection.

Following is a selection of wonderful hybrids from Holland in shades of pale lemon through apricot to warm carmine.

	Per 10	Per 100
Carmine Brilliant. A small-flowered variety of bright carmine with tan throat.....	\$1.00	\$ 9.00
Citronella. Large, delicately formed florets of canary yellow on long graceful stems....	2.00	18.00
El Dorado. Vivid spikes of intense deep yellow	1.00	9.00
Ernest Davidson. A huge flower of pure orange	1.00	9.00
Fantasy. A colorful variety of bright orange-red	1.00	9.00
James Coey. Brilliant fiery crimson suffused with gold. Excellent for massing.....	1.30	11.00
Lady Oxford. An unusual shade of coral with deep maroon markings. Bold, handsome flower of great substance.....	1.60	14.00
Vesuvius. Deep red florets on a sturdy spike..	1.00	9.00
Montbretias in Collection. Named varieties each packed separately. Our selection.....		9.00
Mixed Montbretias. Same quality bulbs, but packed mixed in one bag. Our selection....	1.00	8.00

Our Book on Bulbs "Bulbs for Beauty"

More and more gardeners are discovering that our general book on bulbs, **Bulbs For Beauty**, is worth many times its cost to anyone who grows or plans to grow bulbs. It was written expressly for the amateur gardener and answers such questions as how to grow bulbs, where to plant them, how to care for them through the year, what kinds and varieties are best. It deals with bulbs that flower in the spring, summer and autumn, and also contains a chapter on indoor growing bulbs. Beside 277 pages of text it contains copious illustrations. It sells for \$3.50 per copy and we shall be pleased to fill your orders.

Lilies

For those who did not plant them last fall we have limited stocks of five fine lilies. Plant them in late March or early April for spectacular blooms in your garden not only in the coming summer, but other summers to follow. Approximate flowering times are indicated.

	Per 10	Per 100
Auratum. July-August. Gold-banded Lily of Japan. Huge wide blossom, white with gold stripe up center of petals. \$2.75 per 3	\$8.50	\$75.00
Formosanum. August-September. Long, trumpet-shaped flowers of pure white.....	6.00	55.00
Olympic Hybrids. June-July. Improved Regale. Long flowers, white with yellow centers. Exterior dark green or brown.....	6.00	55.00
Speciosum Rubrum. August. Red spotted on background of white. Maroon anthers. \$2.75 per 3	8.50	75.00
Umbellatum. May-June. Upright flowers of rosy orange	6.00	55.00

Hemerocallis

Daylilies still reign supreme as the flower yielding the greatest summer-long beauty with the least amount of care. No wonder busy gardeners turn to it in ever increasing numbers as the plant to count on for robust growth and certainty of bloom.

Ever more fascinating hybrids of *hemerocallis* are being introduced all the time, ranging in color from creamy yellow, sometimes rose-tinted, through golden yellow, rose or buff, to darkest brown and purple. Blooming times vary from May to September. They should be planted copiously for

	Per 3	Per 10
August Pioneer. August-September. A sturdy variety of chrome orange with outer petals flashed red.....	\$2.75	\$ 8.00
Autumn Red. August-September. Large flowers of deep red with no yellow markings	3.00	9.00
Bagdad. July. A deep new shade of rich brown and red.....	2.75	8.00
Black Falcon. July-August. Extremely large dark mahogany with canary throat. Each \$4.00	11.00	35.00
Canari. July-August. Free-blooming flower of palest, creamy yellow....Each \$2.00	5.00	15.00
Dolly Varden. July. Buff overlaid with deep coral and rose.....	3.00	9.00
Enchantress. June-July. Soft yellow blended with coppery gold.....	3.00	9.00
Flavina. May-June. Early variety of bright lemon-yellow	3.00	9.00
Highland Chieftain. July-August. Wine-purple. Tall, strong grower.....	3.00	9.00
Hyperion. July-August. Deliciously scented soft canary-yellow. Very free blooming. Fine for cutting as buds open well in water	3.00	9.00

Tuberous Rooted Begonias

Tuberous begonias are ideal summer flowers for the summer gardener with problem shady areas. Their richly colored flowers often measure five to six inches across and are freely produced right up to cool weather, when the tubers are lifted for winter storing. The dark green foliage is attractive in itself and the spectacular blossoms may be floated in a shallow bowl for a beautiful table decoration.

Tuberous begonias like from half to nearly full shade and good ,loamy soil not thickly matted with roots. They need plenty of air so avoid planting them under trees or shrubs which sweep the ground. No summer care is needed except watering in very dry weather.

The tubers may be planted outdoors about mid-May or potted in March or early April for transplanting outside about June 1. Naturally, blooms begin earlier from plants started indoors. We offer top-size tubers of the double camellia-flowered type as follows:

	Per 10	Per 100
Belgian Grown:		
In Separate Colors: Copper, Orange, Pink, Red, Salmon, Scarlet, White, Yellow.....	\$3.50	\$32.00
Mixed. Our Selection	3.00	27.00
California Grown:		
In Separate Colors: American Beauty, Apricot, Blush, Dark Red, Salmon, Scarlet, White, Yellow	5.00	45.00
Mixed. Our Selection	4.50	42.00

(Daylilies)

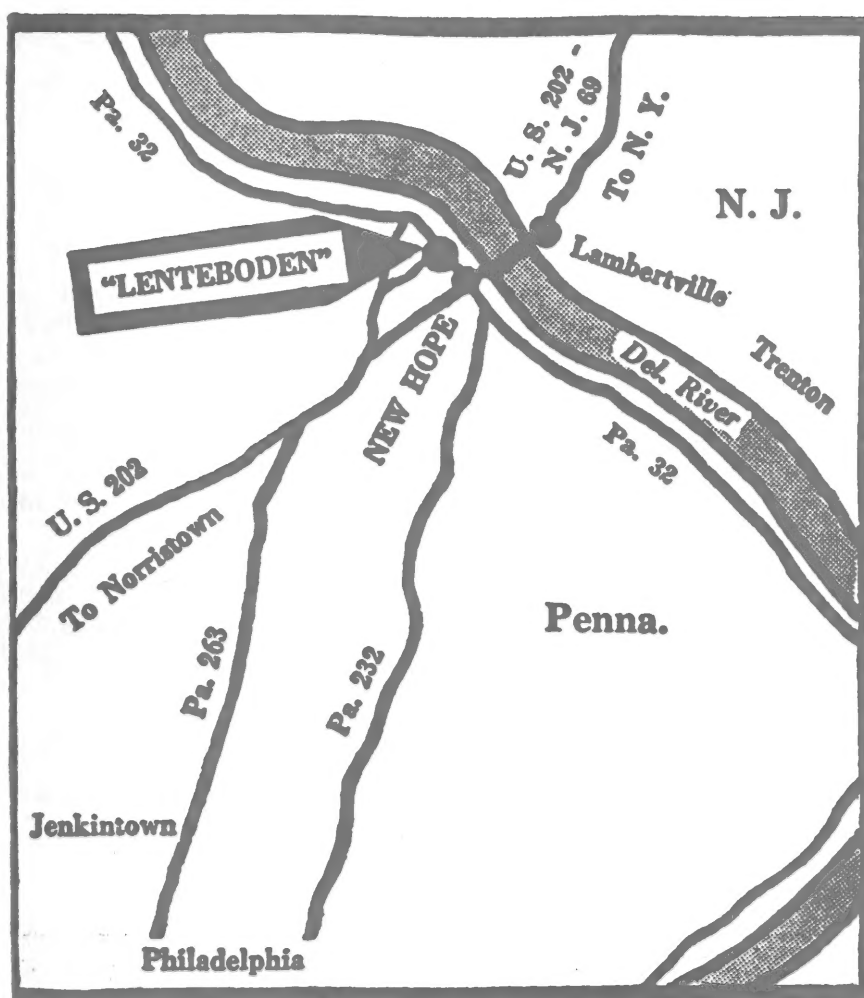
a steady supply of garden flowers and of bud-filled stems for indoor vases.

While they will survive almost any kind of soil and location, hemerocallis flourish best in good garden soil with at least a moderate amount of sunshine. So rapidly do they multiply that the roots may be divided every three years to start new colonies. Thus a modest investment will yield huge dividends in garden beauty in a short time. Listed below is a selection of the finest hybrid daylilies with blooming times indicated.

	Per 3	Per 10
J. A. Crawford. July-August. Very large blossoms of clear golden yellow.....	2.75	8.00
Mrs. W. H. Wyman. August-September. One of the finest late varieties. Glistening silver-yellow	3.00	9.00
Ophir. August. A very tall free-blooming variety of bright golden yellow.....	3.00	9.00
Patricia. July. Tall, pale yellow with greenish throat	3.00	9.00
Peachblow. July. Appealing flower of buff, overlaid with salmon. Strong grower.....	3.00	9.00
Rajah. June-July. Rich yellow-orange with zone of garnet-brown.....	2.75	8.00
Robin Redbreast. June-July. Tall, large flowers of warm robin-red.....	Each 1.50	4.00
Serenade. June. Another "pink" variety, with tone of light buff and pink.....	3.00	9.00
Theron. July-September. A handsome, long-flowering novelty of deep mahogany-red..	3.00	9.00
Novelty Collection of Hemerocallis. Named varieties, each packed separately, covering a blooming range from May-June to August-September. Our selection.		

\$7.50 per 10—\$18.00 per 25—\$70 per 100

HOW TO GET TO "LENTEBODEN"



To Our Gardening Friends

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It is now time to plan and choose your flowers for your 1956 summer and autumn gardens. Be sure to plant generous quantities of bulbs for a copious supply of blooms for cutting and for garden enjoyment. Tuberous begonias for shady areas, daylilies and gladioli for months of successive blooms, tuberose for their purity and fragrance, montbretias for their tawny appeal, all these should be grown wherever summer flowers of great beauty and easy culture are wanted — which undoubtedly includes your garden. Also, be sure to order now for August planting, the colchicums, autumn crocuses, sternbergias and wild cyclamens which brighten up the shortening days of autumn.

Visit Our Spring Display

As usual we take pleasure in inviting you and your gardening friends to come and enjoy our annual feast of spring beauty here at "Lenteboden." Some 50,000 spring-flowering bulbs in more than 1,000 separate plantings by variety blossom here in all their glory. Here you can see more varieties of spring-flowering bulbs than in any other display garden in America. More than a hundred of them will be brand new kinds sent us by our hybridizers for their first trial blooms in this country. The show begins with the early species tulips, little bulbs and hyacinths, and continues through the daffodil season to the tall May-flowering tulips and scillas.

A Living Catalogue

Each year this display is regarded by more and more gardeners and garden lovers as a horticultural event they would not miss. We hope that you will be among them this spring. Moreover this show has a value far beyond the beautiful spectacle which it is. It is also a living catalogue. As such it surpasses the most lavishly illustrated printed list imaginable as a guide in selecting spring-flowering bulbs for your own garden. For here you can choose varieties, not from printed lithographs, but from the flowers themselves. So make note of the empty spaces in your garden, then come to Lenteboden, select and order your bulbs for the fall. We can offer for sale only for the duration of the display the vast range of varieties shown here. Later buyers must choose from a much more restricted list.

Three Times to Visit

Our gardens will be open for visiting and placing orders for fall delivery from April 1 through May 25, from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. every day including Sundays. Weekday visiting is usually less crowded. New Hope can be reached from the New York area by U. S. Routes 22—202. From the Philadelphia vicinity, Pa. 232 and Pa. 263—U. S. 202 leads to New Hope. It is an easy two-hour drive from midtown New York and about an hour and a quarter from downtown Philadelphia. The map inside shows the location of our gardens.

Blooming times vary with the seasons but fall approximately into three periods during each of which the gardens should be visited:

- 1. April 1 — April 20 for hyacinths, early bulbs and species tulips.**
- 2. April 15 — May 5 for early tulips and daffodils.**
- 3. May 1 — May 25 for tall May-flowering tulips, scillas and late daffodils.**